



# disciple makers

*pursuing a culture of  
discipleship together*

**Where is God in all this?**

## **1) What's behind the question?**

Is it an intellectual question? Or a personal one?

=> Ask questions and listen before you speak!

Jesus and Lazarus...

## **2) Is God behind the suffering we're experiencing?**

It's not the direct judgement of God on specific people for specific sins

But isn't God in control of the world? How could he let it happen?

Two comments...

- human freedom is precious and costly
- natural evil is bound up with moral evil

A Better Question...

### **3) The Gospel is the Answer**

Incarnation and the Cross - he is with us in the mess

The Resurrection - he is promising deliverance from the mess (and has guaranteed it!)

God's answer to an impossible problem – justice and mercy in Christ and through the gospel

Romans 3:24-25

The offer of mercy in the gospel tomorrow requires patience with evil today...

### **4) Flipside: does atheism help?**

Yes, but no.

### **5) What might God actually be doing 'in and through' the coronavirus?**